

Fair Haven Free Library
Monthly Board Meetings
Wednesday, November 6th
Live on Zoom@ <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88161604291>
and recorded by PEG TV

Present: Cecelia Hunt, Ron Stack, Paul Patten, and Judy Gevry, Carol Scott and Chris Donahue from PEG TV.

Board chair, Judy Gevry, called the meeting to order at 6:00PM. The minutes of the October 2nd meeting were distributed and reviewed. Ron moved to accept the minutes as written. Paul seconded and motion carried unanimously.

Chris Sheldon was unable to attend the meeting so there was no Treasurer's Report. Chris will be giving the reports for October, November, and December at the January meeting. The Board reviewed financial handouts from the librarian for current budget spending.

Carol gave the Librarian's Report

- Six Book Club members met to discuss Home Before Dark on October 14th in the library. The Book Club will start meeting via Zoom in November for the winter months.
- Genealogy Club met on October 4th. 4 people attended.
- John Laramie was here to replace roof slates on October 8th. He returned later in the month to redo the flashing around the two chimneys. He found a few more issues that needed to be addressed which added about \$400 to the bill. The cost will be about \$3,400, but work needed to be done before winter sets in.
- I received a reply from my inquiry about the next round of capital grants for libraries on October 10th. They have not set the parameters for the program yet, but plan to do so in 2025. More information to follow.
- The Friends of the Library held a book sale on Saturday October 12th from 10am until noon. They made \$173.00.
- The Friends held a meeting/angel workshop on Wednesday October 16th. Six members attended. Worked on angels and finalized plans for Holiday House which will be held on Tuesday December 3rd from 6:30pm until 8pm.
- The Take and Make for October was a monster magnet. 49 were distributed.
- The Alfred Hitchcock program on Thursday October 24th went very well. Twenty-one people attended the program.
- The Historical Society used the Hyde Room for their Charter Day celebration on Sunday October 27th. 18 people attended the event.
- Ceil moved that the library be closed on Wednesday November 27th, Tuesday December 24th, Wednesday December 25th, Tuesday December 31st and Wednesday January 1st for the holidays.

Ron seconded and the motion was carried unanimously. Carol noted we will need to add a new holiday to our list, Juneteenth, which is on June 19th.

- On January 1, 2025, Vermont's minimum wage will increase from \$13.64 to \$14.01. Our employees are now being paid above minimum wage since July 1, 2024.
- The budget is level funded. Ceil moved to approve draft budget of \$99,336.00 for the next fiscal year. Paul seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
- Upcoming events include a book sale on Wednesday, November 13th from 4:30-6:30 pm, Holiday House on Tuesday December 3rd from 6:30-8pm, book sale on Saturday December 7th from 10am-noon.
- There has been little progress on the masonry project despite letters sent requesting an itemized quote. Ron continues to work on finding bids and workmen who can replace the main entrance. He did talk to Mr. Coombs about the work.
- Next meeting will be January 8, 2025, since the first Monday falls on January 1st.
- Paul asked about the Holiday Open House and if we might once again have a play. Carol said that it was a possibility if someone would be willing to take the lead in finding and directing a play.

Ceil moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:23PM. Ron seconded.

Respectfully submitted,

Ceil Hunt